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Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

o eat your cake and have it is a consumation devoutly ished but rarely accomplish- But we 'dood it' as to the her this Christmas. We had ite Christmas' but no holi- precipatation. The young got plenty of opportunity to all over the place as the temperature preserved the already on the ground. . . . r clear skies. We wanted a e Christmas' and got it; didn't want rain, sleet and g weather and that wish granted, too. Thanks.

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ere are always abounding monials to the wise, cute original remarks of children st Christmas time. I liked one: we drove Brightleaf's gest great - nephew to visit tives on a large farm some nce away. I wa'ked him out e barnyard to 'see the ani- s.' He had been to the zoo Washington, and knew all t animals . . . but he was prepared for the largest hog ve seen in years. He took long look at the whopper and , 'Good Lord!' The word was not in his vocabula- so all the way home he talking about 'that big pig.'

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ggestion: Each Christmas on there are friends we wish remember with greeting s, but can't do so because do not have their accurate ss. And when they send us cards, we are dismayed we didn't send them one. why not write your full ad- s on the back of the enve- I keep a Christmas mailing but there are to many on e without addresses. Add the that a full address on the of the greetings you send the Post Office folks.

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nother suggestion: Yearly at season we see where virtual- every town and city has made annual 'Citizen of the Year d.' How about Appomattox ting in on this! There are y, so many civic - minded ons who give for free of their and talents to the better- of the community, but who unrecognized until there is mention as a 'civic leader' heir death notice. I say, en of the Year' because makes the fine ladies eligi- too. A 'secret' selection mittee should be chosen, and minations in detail written in December 15th, other rules ced out, and the secretary of e civic organization used as ailing address.

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anks to the H. C. Pullams the attractive holiday exhibit their estate near town . . . to all others who made us so of Appomattox as we e around metropolitan Ap- attox this season. Also to our ncer firemen for setting up Christmas street lights, and others who 'got into the t' of looking our best for the al visit of the bewhiskered Santa from the North Pole.

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uch is being written about s of 1963. It was a fabulous r. In fact, I called it 1963 A. A.H.: 'Anno Hootenanny'. it was more than that. And we turn to the Year ahead, us arise and be dismissed the injunction; 'We gotta more in '64.'

Christmas 100 Years Ago Seen In "Holiday House" December 26

The past lived again as a large number of visitors toured "Holiday House", home of the R. G. J. ukas on December 26. Candles burned from each window, and guests were greet i at each en ance by a holiday wreath en circling a burning oil lamp.

In the library there was a tree decorated entirely with handmade ornaments and small candles. Underneath was a charming assortment of toys and gifts. China dolls, an old doll's trunk, and small tea sets were on display, plus a horse and buggy and various toys now treasured as antiques by their owners. An antique picture frame was set on a lady's writing desk. Logs burned in the fireplace, as stockings hung there waiting for Santa's visit.

Visitors were conducted through upstairs bedroom festooned with paper roses. Mrs. W. W. Burke and Mrs. W. E. Chenault were dressed in gowns of the period as they explained that paper flowers were very popular as decoration.

In the parlor was a melodeon popular musical instrument of the time. A Della Robbia wreath was hung above the fireplace. Among the pieces of furniture of interest was a V-shaped chair called a "corner chair." In the dining room guests were treated to holiday punch served from a china bowl, plus Christmas cookies. The table was covered with a damask cloth decorated with "Lady" apples, kumquats, and blue cedar laid on red streamers. Candles were mounted in pewter goblets. The "Lady" apples, seen often in Della Robbia design were grown in Nelson county, Mrs. Vi Harwood explained. She was dressed in a pale green gown almost 100 years old.

A fruit filled epergne plus magnolia decorated the sideboard. A collection of old English blue and white ironstone decorated the wall shelves on one side of the room. Mrs. Howlett Martin, club president, presided at the punch bowl.

Recorded Christmas music was heard throughout the evening. Mrs. Ivey Holland and Mrs. Raymond Jamerson were in charge of decoration in the library, with Mrs. W. W. Burke, chairman of all arrangements, providing the decorations for the tree. The decorations took about three months to make, a club member explained, and included bejewelled egg shells, spool and yarn Santas, popcorn cones, and cranberry garlands.

Mrs. George Langran and Mrs T. M. Richardson were in charge of the bedroom decorations, with Mrs. Martin Webb and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr. taking charge of arrangements in the parlor. Mrs. Robert Hubbard and Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr. were in charge of dining room arrangements with Mrs. Crawford Davidson providing garlands for the doors. Other entrance decorations were planned and executed by Mrs. Richard Robinson and Mrs. R. A. Sears. Mrs. George Collins was in charge of refreshments. Other members of the club acted as hostesses throughout the home.

Lions Leave Boxes Of Holiday Cheer

The Appomattox Lions Club, following a custom of many years distributed boxes of groceries, canned goods, fruits, and candy to a number of families of this county. Committee in charge of this project was headed by Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien together with Capt. W. W. Blythe, Dr. A. A. Fratrick, Dr. J. A. Mathews, and W. D. Morris.

Still Burning

The five foot beeswax candle lit on December 21 at the Bank of Appomattox, was still burning brightly on Monday. It had shrunk to about 38 inches. Bank personnel say there's still some candle "to burn" inside the bright red box which encloses it.

Officials Meet To Plan 1965 Ceremonies

APPOMATTOX — The executive secretary of the Virginia Civil War Commission met here during December with other Civil War Commission officials to discuss the part Appomattox will play in 1965 during the Civil War Centennial. James J. Geary, executive secretary, met with Grover E. Steele, superintendent of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, State Senator Charles T. Moses who is chairman of the State Civil War Commission, and W. C. Hubbard county chairman for the Civil War Centennial commemoration.

Baldwin Wins Car Of Groceries

Cold weather didn't stop hundreds of ticket holders in West End Market's drawing on Saturday, Dec. 21. David Baldwin, Pamplin, won the biggest item, an automobile loaded with groceries. Miss Virginia Shirey won a girl's bicycle and Louise Canada, a boy's bicycle.

Santa Claus awarded Steam and Dry Irons to William Thornton, Mrs. E. T. Mitchell, George Cheatham, Virginia Williams, Mrs. Julian Guill, and Dorothy Goble. Watches were won by Rosa Cambell and A. S. Almond. Hams went to Kathy Caldwell, J. B. Goad and Isabelle Coleman. A coffee maker went to Hubert Fleshman and Martha Kelso. Blankets went to W. E. Hancock, Milton Price, and Buster Locado. Radios went to R. M. Honeycutt, William Mitchell, and Estelle Garrett. Turkeys were awarded to Mrs. Frances R. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Almond and Ruby Ferguson. Fruit cakes went to Fred H. Martin, Mrs. J. J. Chenault, Mrs. A. W. Woolen, and Mrs. Lollie Harden.

Lions Wear New Contest Colors

Appomattox Lions begin a new attendance contest Jan. 9 running through March. Club spokesmen say there is no change in the teams, formerly Blue and Red, except that they are now Blue and Grey. Victors in the contest just concluded were Lions of the Blue team. The contest begins at Maude's Restaurant 6:45 p.m. next Thursday. President Ivey Holland says that 90 per cent and better attendance was recorded during the last contest. Holland says he hopes this record will be even better during this contest.

Fire Destroys Home, Possessions Of Robert Wilson Family

Robert Alfred Wilson, a part-time painter, watched all his possessions go up in smoke in a fire on December 20 that burned his rented home, an old log house on Route 633, about a mile and a half from Rt. 460. Wilson, his wife and two children, Robert G. and Shirley S., escaped the blaze which they said started in the living room chimney.

Wilson, out chopping wood, noticed the fire, and called to his family in the kitchen. In a matter of minutes, he said, the old structure was ablaze. Only the washing machine and a refrigerator was saved. Wilson said at the time that he had just brought in a load of groceries for the holidays.

Both Pamplin and Appomattox fire companies answered the call.

The log home, more than 100 years old, has been known as the Henry Pittman place. Pittman was a great - uncle of J. K. Hamilton, Evergreen postmaster.

Evergreen Ruritans and others in the community assisted the family in finding another home to rent, and donations are being accepted at both Evans' and Hamilton's store in Evergreen. The Hamiltons said that anything is acceptable — Clothing, groceries, furniture, or cash donations.

Old log home on Hixburg Road was pletely loss as Appomattox volunteers battled hot fire at the century old Henry Pittman place.

Park Announces Road Project

Award of a $65,000 contract to Wilck's Construction Co. of Farmville for the construction of a new entrance road and parking areas at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park was announced Monday by Superintendent Grover E. Steele.

The new visitor entrance and main parking area when completed will remove the heavy vehicle traffic from the historic village proper and also for the restoration of the historic old Richmond - Lynchburg stage road through the village.

The three minor parking areas in this construction will provide for visitor use of proposed wayside exhibits and interpretative stations within the park but removed from the village along state highway 24. These exhibits will be located at General Lee's farewell site, general Grant's headquarters campsite, and the old Confederate cemetery. All three locations were important during the Surrender at Appomattox, and this development will contribute to greater visitor use and appreciation. The project is a part of the National Park Service Mission 66 program in the Department of the Interior.

County Will Hold Tailoring School

A Tailoring School is being planned for Appomattox county by the H. D. agent, Miss Peggy Berger. Interested seamstresses are asked to meet for a Pre-School planning session January 20 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Miss Berger's office. At that time, Miss Berger says definite meeting times and a place will be determined. The school is set up for six sewing sessions, she says. The school is open to H.D. members and others wishing to learn more about the tailoring of woolen clothes.

Woman's Club To Meet Monday

The Appomattox Woman's Club will meet Monday, January 6 at 3:30 at the county library. Mrs A. R. Harwood, Jr. will review the book, "Tears Are For the Living", by Margaret Bannister, a Lynchburg native. The book is centered in this locale and promises an interesting afternoon for all, says club president, Mrs. Avis Smith.

1963 Was Busy Year Review Shows

New Sheriff And Staff

Sheriff Lynwood L. Stanley above center and his staff began duty as the old year bowed out at 12 midnight Tuesday. Stanley trades his blue uniform of the state police for brown and grey, and both he and deputies James Eugene Richardson and Henry A. White shown at the far left and far right will be similarly uniformed in just a few days. Mrs. Aldah Gordon, above left, is now secretary for the Sheriff's office, and Mrs. H. A. White, is jail matron. The Whites and their five children are living at the jail house.

The arrival of the New Year brings the TIMES-VIRGINIAN an opportunity to look backward into the old year and forward into the new one. Here are some of the county events — both large and small — that claimed our attention.

Our famous historic site, Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, continued in its program of reconstruction and improvement looking toward the Centennial commemoration of the meeting of Lee and Grant at Appomattox which restored peace and unity to the United States. Workmen made good progress toward the completion of the old Court House, burned in 1892, and which is to become a modern visitors' center.

County elections saw the retirement of Fitz L. Murphy, Southside district supervisor and the election of John C. Cole, milk producer and distributor, as his successor. Sergeant L. L. Stanley, veteran of more than 32 years with the State Police succeeded Walter S. Connor as sheriff. All Town councilmen succeeded themselves except for C. Lewis McDearmon, who did not run for office. Richard L. Wingfield was elected as Councilman.

Spencer's Drug Co. changed ownership and name, becoming Patterson's Drug Co. with Roy Moon, as manager. Former owners Fred Smith and Frank Wooldridge are still with the firm, and like all other business establishments, saw a busy season of holiday buying.

Construction was begun on an addition to Carver-Price School, and a Director of Instruction, C. B. Chandler, was added to the county's staff of educators. Randall E. Hill succeeded Miss Flora Belle Williams as principal of Appomattox Elementary School.

Appomattox Garment Co. expanded its operations in Appomattox, utilizing the former Carver-Addy Co. plant for all its sewing operations and moving in a number of employees to handle record keeping and other business operations at the plant location on Route 460.

The prolonged drought of the summer saw many farmers sacrifice herds in an effort to make their poor yield of grass and grain "stretch" to feed their remaining animals. Hay, corn, and other grains were brought in to help through what promises to be a cold, hard winter.

More than 6,000 doses of sabin vaccine were distributed in three county locations during the first SOS clinic.

There were at least four "firsts!" This was the first such county-wide clinic — also, the first Forestry Club was organized and saw its first members win prizes for good forestry practices to conserve timber and increase forestation in Appomattox county. The first county-wide civic chorus held a concert, with prospects for a continuing organization. And Pamplin established its first branch bank.

Churches of the area saw continued growth with improved facilities and an increase in full-time pastors in the area.

Pipeline construction through the county brought a quick flurry of workers and activity during the summer, and an outbreak of hepatitis during the winter caused concern. Combined efforts of private physicians and the County Health Department proved invaluable in the prompt treatment of affected persons and education as to causes and prevention.

Main Street, Appomattox, saw many improvements, as new store fronts blossomed to help make our town modern and attractive. Inge's Store moved to a new location on Main Street, with Appomattox Auto and TV Supply expanding its operations in that building. A new barber shop replaced the old one on Main Street. And the TIMES-VIRGINIAN, in response to this progress purchased an offset press and revamped the masthead on its paper. This new design points up the richness of the past in a drawing of the McLean House and the promise of the future in the New Appomattox. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR READERS from the editor and staff.

Clements Reports 25 TB Cases

Dr. F. J. Clements, of the Appomattox County Health Dept. reported Tuesday that in this county there are twenty-three cases of tuberculosis under supervision, plus two in a sanitarium.

Tuberculosis was the primary cause of death for 199 Virginians during 1962, and a contributing cause of death in 185 other cases. Figures are not yet available for 1963.

Clements says the State Health Department is shifting its emphasis in finding cases of tuberculosis from mass screening to tuberculin testing, or a combination of tuberculin testing of young children and x-ray of older persons. Examining persons who have come in contact with cases of tuberculosis remains the most productive case - finding instrument of all. Prompt and adequate treatment is urged for all persons discovered to have the disease in an active form. This will help achieve the goal of complete elimination of tuberculosis as a serious public health problem.

P-TA Membership All-Time High

The Appomattox Elementary P-TA now has 300 members, an all - time record as announced by the secretary, Mrs. H. M. D. Folks. Ways and Means committee co-chairman, G. A. Pittenberger has requested that patrons and others submit written recommendations for the disbursement of approximately $844, proceeds from the P-TA Halloween Carnival and other projects.

Polio Pioneer

Dr. Albert B. Sabin of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine developed the anti-polio vaccines that can be taken by mouth. Dr. Sabin's vaccines — one against each of the three types of poliovirus — may prove to be the final weapon in the fight to eradicate polio. First of these vaccines has already been given in Appomattox County, with the second to be given, SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, at the Appomattox High School Cafeteria, Oakville Elementary School and Pamplin School Cafeteria.

Superintendent Announces Bids On Electric Wiring, Timber Cutting

Further development of the historic village at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park was announced by Superintendent Grover E. Steele with the offering of two additional projects for bid openings January 8th and 9th, 1964.

One project will consist of the construction of an underground electrical distribution system comprising approximately 1400 lineal feet of underground primary line in conduit, two pad mounted transformers, four pull boxes, 1300 lineal feet of direct burial secondary cable with associated connections, 2500 lineal feet of underground telephone conduit with pull boxes, concrete markers and connections.

The second project consists of selective cutting and clearing of approximately 130 acres of forested land in five tracts to restore the open appearance of historic fields. These tracts contain some excellent salvage timber which will be considered in the bid proposal. Both projects are a part of the National Park Service Mission 66 program under the Department of the Interior.

Annual Football Awards Given

Three seniors were honored by their teammates during the annual Lions' Club Football Awards Banquet held in December. G. H. Jamerson was named 'Best Back' and given the Lions' Club award. Joe Terry, center, was named 'Best Lineman' and given the Appomattox High School award. Doug Mitchell, end, was given the 'Best Sportsmanship' trophy by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Both local coaches were present for the awards. A good turnout heard Ralph Humphrey, assistant coach of the University of Virginia, speak before the presentation was made.

Voting for the awards is by secret ballot among the team of Appomattox High.

Presbyterians To Brick Church

Appomattox Presbyterians are planning to add a brick veneer to the exterior of the church, according to an announcement from the pastor Rev. M. G. Stimpson. J. E. Sears was awarded the contract by the board of deacons, with construction to begin as soon as weather permits.

Vandals Damage Santa's Buggy

APPOMATTOX — Santa Claus driving a buggy instead of the traditional sleigh, is an *outdoor* display at the H. C. Pullams, "ran" into trouble Saturday night. Vandals damaged the buggy in which Herbie Pullam, Pullam's son had placed the figure of Santa. The display, complete with reindeer and bright colored ribbons has been a roadside attraction during the holidays. Mrs. Pullam said Monday that Trooper W. W. Wilberger is investigating the incident which occurred sometime Saturday evening. The Pullams said that At least $100 damage was done to the antique buggy. Herbie she said, did repair it sufficiently to once again decorate the field to the east of the Pulliam home where it has been displayed.

Outdoor Santa Claus and Buggy was object of Vandalism

Simple To Take

The Sabin Oral Polio vaccine is simple to take. It's tasteless . . . no injection . . . just swallow it. Type I vaccine was distributed to 6,020 persons during the December clinics. Type II will be given on January 19 — Appomattox SOS day.

Webb's Outside Decorations Win First Place In Annual Contest

It has been announced that winners in this year's Christmas Decoration Contest are as follows:

Doorways:
1st Place — Mr. and Mrs. Martin Webb
2nd Place — Mrs. J. E. Sears
3rd Place — Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Coleman

Overall Picture
1st Place — Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Jr.
2nd Place — Mr. and Mrs. Ned LeGrand
3rd Place — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph King
Hon Mention — Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wingfield